

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

- 1-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of co-incubation of the amyloid protein with heparan sulfate is in distilled water or Tris-buffered saline (pH 7.0-7.4).
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the co-incubation is at a molar ratio of beta-amyloid protein to heparan sulfate ~~is~~ within a range of 1:0.5 to 1:100.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the molar ratio of beta-amyloid protein to heparan sulfate is about 1:5.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the co-incubation is at a weight ratio of beta-amyloid protein to heparan sulfate ~~is~~ within a range of 1:0.4 to 1:100.
9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the weight ratio of beta-amyloid protein to heparan sulfate is about 1:8 or 1:16.
10. (Currently amended) A method for the formation of particular amyloid plaques, the method comprising *in vitro* co-incubation of beta-amyloid protein 1-40 (SEQ ID NO: 1) for at least 3-7 days at 30-45 C with heparan sulfate, whereby spherical or compact shaped amyloid plaques are formed that demonstrate a Maltese-cross pattern when stained with Congo red and viewed under polarized light, and an amyloid star appearance when viewed by transmission electron microscopy.
- 11-13. (Cancelled)
14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of co-incubation has a duration of about 7 days.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of co-incubation of the beta-amyloid protein with heparan sulfate occurs at about 37 C.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)